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Serial No.:	09/508,977	:	Art Unit:	1651
Filed:	March 17, 2000	:	Docket No.:	1997/F-237
For:	Fermentation Process with Continuous			
	Mass Cultivation of Ciliates (Protozoa) for			
	Producing Biogenous Valuable Substances			

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 13, 2002, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and 1.114, Applicant requests continued prosecution and reconsideration based on the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claims 15, 23 and 25-27 to read as follows:

15. A continuous fermentation process, comprising:
- (i) continuously cultivating ciliates in a volume of complex axenic aqueous culture medium to produce a biomass of ciliate cells containing a biogenous substance, said biogenous substance being the biomass itself or a substance extracted from the biomass;

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